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4 JEFFREY S. SHINBROT, ESQ. (SBN 155486) jeffrey@shinbrotfirm.com JEFFREY S. SHINBROT, APLC 8200 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400 Beverly Hills, California 90211 Telephone: (310) 659-5444 Fax (310) 878-8304 Special Litigation Counsel to Debtor Southern Invo Healthcare District UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FRESNO DIVISION Bankruptcy Case No.: 16-10015 In re Chapter 9 SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT Adv. Case No.: 18-01031 JSS1 Chapter 9 Debtor. SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR plaintiff PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST VI HEALTHCARE FINANCE, INC., FOR V. **SEQUESTRATION OF TAX REVENUES** PENDING FINAL RULING ON THE HEALTHCARE CONGLOMERATE MERITS OF THIS ADVERARY CASE OR ASSOCIATES, LLC; VI HEALTHCARE FINANCE, INC.; and DOES 1 through 10. FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT. defendants. **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES, REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL** NOTICE, DECLARATIONS OF JACQUE HICKMAN & RICHARD FEDCHENKO FILED CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH Hearing: Date: November 29, 2018 Time: 1:30 p.m. **Place: Courtroom 11** 2500 Tulare St., 5th Fl Fresno, California

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT at 1:30 p.m., on November 29, 2018, or soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in the courtroom of the Honorable Frederick E. Clement, United States Bankruptcy Judge, located at 2500 Tulare Street Courtroom 11, Fresno, CA 93721, Debtor and Plaintiff Southern Inyo Healthcare District ("Debtor" or the "District") will and hereby does move this Bankruptcy Court for an Order for a Preliminary Injunction pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7065 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 restraining and enjoining VI Healthcare Finance, Inc., and its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all those in active concert or participation with them from: enforcing an alleged security agreement in Inyo County tax revenues of any type; prohibiting enforcement of any alleged assignment of Inyo County tax revenues of any type; or otherwise collecting any Inyo County tax revenues of any type. By this Motion the District does not seek to expend the tax revenues in question, but rather seeks sequestration of the disputed funds pending a final ruling of the merits of this adversary case or pursuant to further Order of this Court.

The Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the accompanying declarations and memorandum of points and authorities, the pleadings, records and files in this case and such oral and documentary evidence as may be presented on the motion. The Motion is based on the following facts, which are further detailed in the concurrently filed Motion.

Vi and Healthcare Conglomerate Associates, LLC ("HCCA")(both wholly owned by Dr. Yorai Benzeevi) engaged in a practice of negligence and breach of fiduciary duties to the District. Benzeevi and HCCA induced Debtor to allow HCCA complete control over its finances and operations and then failed to operate Debtor's facilities in accordance with minimal standards required of a medical facility, transferred and misappropriated funds from Debtor and intentionally concealed its bad acts from Debtor.

After leaving the District with no viable financial options, HCCA prevailed upon the Debtor to borrow money from Vi at absurd and abusive interest rates and to assign tax revenues to Vi as security for the loan. The Vi financing was made under threat that HCCA would not

pay crucial vendors and medical professionals resulting in closure of the Debits facilities. Incredibly, it was HCCA's acts and omissions that made the Vi financing necessary to continue operations.

It is critical that a preliminary injunction is issued to prevent Vi from collecting tax revenues that should be paid to the District on December 10, 2018 and thereafter until a final determination on the merits of this action. It is clear that that HCCA's and Vi's claims against Debtor are primarily due to Defendants' wrongful conduct and should be subordinated to all legitimate creditors' claims. The District is further likely to prove in this adversary case that HCCA and Vi wrongfully transferred and misappropriated funds which should be repaid to Debtor, more than offsetting any amounts legitimately owed by Debtor to HCCA or Vi. The District will suffer irreparable injury if the preliminary injunction is not granted as Debtor may forever lose tax revenues necessary to continue its operations. Vi appears to have no business other than the making of the loan to the Debtor and is controlled by Benzeevi. Further, in connection with ongoing criminal investigations the Tulare County District Attorney has seized nearly \$1 million in the bank accounts of Benzeevi. Finally, The District does not propose to expend the sequestered revenues, it only seeks to preserve the funds until further Order of this Court.

Each interested party opposing or responding to the motion must file and serve the response on the Debtor and the United States Trustee not later than 14 days before the date designated for hearing. Any response must be a complete written statement of all reasons in opposition thereto or in support, declarations and copies of all evidence on which the responding party intends to rely, and any responding memorandum of points and authorities. The failure to file a response may be deemed consent to the granting of the motion.

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Responding parties can determine whether the matter has been resolved without oral argument or whether the court has issued a tentative ruling and can view any pre-hearing dispositions by checking the Court's website at www.caeb.uscourts.gov after 4:00 P.M. the day before the hearing. Parties appearing telephonically must view the pre-hearing dispositions prior to the hearing.

**WHEREFORE,** SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, respectfully requests that the Court enter its Order:

- A. Restraining and enjoining VI Healthcare Finance, Inc., and its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all those in active concert or participation with them from enforcing its alleged security agreement in Inyo County tax revenues of any type;
- B. Prohibiting enforcement of any alleged assignment of Inyo County tax revenues of any type; or otherwise collecting any Inyo County tax revenues of any type.
- C. Requiring sequestration of any and all tax revenues allegedly assigned to VI
  Healthcare Finance, Inc., in a manner consistent with Court's ruling on this Motion
  until further Order or Judgment of the Court; and
- D. Any further relief that the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances. Respectfully submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2018.

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